

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7641

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 12348

SY CHANNEL

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC EG  
SUBJ: THREAT AGAINST AMBASSADOR/REASSIGNMENT OF SY AGENTS

REF: (A) STATE 171840, (B) CAIRO 12140

1. PARA 1 REFTEL A SUGGESTS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF ARRANGEMENT AMBASSADOR AND MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAVE TENTATIVELY WORKED OUT TO ENSURE SY PROTECTIVE SECURITY DETAIL AGENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES. IT WOULD FRANKLY NOT HELP TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE SETTING FORTH OUR EXPECTATION THAT OFFICERS WILL BE ACCORDED SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF MEMBERS OF EMBASSY.

2. AS DEPT AWARE, GOE ENTERED RESERVATION ON PARA 2, ARTICLE 37 OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH EXCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF FROM RECEIVING SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS. IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IS NOT CURRENTLY EXTENDED TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF AS A MATTER OF RIGHT, ALTHOUGH GOE IS USUALLY WILLING WORK OUT PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE IN THIS CATEGORY ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. HOWEVER, THIS IS CLEARLY NOT ENOUGH FOR SY AGENTS WHO CARRY ARMS AND MIGHT HAVE TO USE THEM ON EGYPTIAN TERRITORY. "ATTACHE" IS REGARDED AS DIPLO-  
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MATIC TITLE BY GOE. PURPOSE OF CALLING THEM "ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHES" IS THAT UNDER SUCH ARRANGEMENT THEY ARE REGARDED BY GOE AS DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS, ENTITLED TO BE ON DIPLOMATIC LIST EVEN THOUGH WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT FREQUENT TURNOVER OF SUCH AGENTS MAKES THEIR FORMAL INCLUSION UNNECESSARY. IN DESIGNATING THEM "ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHES" WE MIGHT ADD LANGUAGE MAKING CLEAR

THEY ARE ENTITLED TO SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS  
OTHER DIPLOMATIC RPT DIPLOMATIC MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF.

3. CONCUR SAS BAYSDEN AND JUNI DETACH JULY 26 TO JOIN  
WITH SA MANLEY TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION FOR SECSTATE  
VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA. AMBASSADOR ALSO PLANS MOVE TO  
ALEXANDRIA WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, IN PREPARATION FOR  
SECSTATE'S UPCOMING VISIT, AND SAS MCCARTHY AND  
JACKSON WILL ACCOMPANY.  
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